

Congressman Joaquin Castro

Representing the 20th Congressional District of Texas

Service Academy
Nomination Application Packet

Packet Checklist and Requirements

Nomination application information for U.S. Service Academy admissions for Fall 2027

All required information must be mailed or delivered to Congressman Castro's District Office by ***6:00 PM on November 13, 2026***

The Honorable Joaquin Castro
Attn: **Emily Chavez**
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San Antonio, Texas 78206

Checklist:

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ High school transcript with ranking and college transcript (if applicable).
- ☐ Three signed letters of personal recommendation from your teacher, counselor, coach, or clergy. Your letter of recommendation must be from someone who can describe your achievements and skills but must not be from a family member. **Letters will be subject to verification.**
- ☐ A **one-page** essay describing why you would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy.
- ☐ Resume outlining your extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Two recent passport style photographs. (A professionally paid passport photo is not required. A self-taken photo is acceptable.)
- ☐ Latest SAT/ACT scores sent directly by the College Board. If you indicate code number **6240** on your SAT test and code number **7701** on your ACT test, the College Board will forward the scores directly to Congressman Castro's office. Please note that copies of your official scores and scores printed on high school transcripts are also acceptable.

Please submit the entire packet all at once. Once your packet has been reviewed and deemed complete, you will receive written confirmation by E-mail.

To receive a congressional nomination, you must have an open admission file at the academy/academies of your choice prior to submitting your packet to Congressman Castro's office.

If you have not opened an application, the websites provided below will guide you through the process of completing the preliminary application online.

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point
http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)
http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)
http://www.academyadmissions.com/

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
http://www.usmma.edu/admissions

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Emily Chavez**. She may be reached at (210) 348-8216 or via email at TX20.nominations@mail.house.gov.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name**:** _____ First Name**:** _____ M.I**.** ____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Current Address:

_____ _____ _____ _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address:
(*If you listed a post office box or a temporary address above, please list your address in the Texas 20th Congressional District)*

_____ _____ _____ _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone: **(____)** _____ Cell Phone: **(____)** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you a resident of the 20th congressional district of Texas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a United States citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "No," will you be a U.S. citizen at the time of your enrollment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Ethnicity (*optional, only for statistical purposes*):

- ☐ White
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian / Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic / Latino
- ☐ Two or more ethnicities
- ☐ Other

II. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

High School: _____

School Address: _____ _____ _____ _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

School Counselor: _____ _____
(Name) (Email)

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ /_____ /_____

High School GPA (*Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale.*): _____

High School Class Rank _____ out of _____ Class Size

SAT Scores: Composite _____ Math_____ Reading_____

ACT Scores: Composite _____ Math_____ Reading_____ English _____ Science_____

Are you scheduled to re-take any of your tests? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, date_____

Have you been contacted directly by an academy? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If you answered "yes," which academy? _____

Name of contact person: _____

Have you ever served in the military in any capacity? ☐ Currently Serving ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," what is the highest rank you held? _____

Have you attended a Service Academy summer seminar? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," which academy leadership seminar(s) did you attend? _____

Are you currently attending an academy preparatory school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," which academy preparatory school are you attending? _____

Are you currently participating in any of the following? ☐ JROTC ☐ Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

☐ Eagle Scout /Gold Award ☐ Mission Field ☐ Civil Air Patrol ☐ **N**ational Honor Society

III. FAMILY INFORMATION:

Mother's Last Name**:** _____ First Name**:** _____ M.I**.** ____

Cell Phone Number**: (____)** _____ Email**:** _____

Employment history (Past 3 years):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Father's Last Name**:** _____ First Name**:** _____ M.I**.** ____

Cell Phone Number**: (____)** _____ Email: _____

Employment history (Past 3 years):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Legal Guardian (If Applicable):

Last Name**:** _____ First Name**:** _____ M.I**.** ___

Cell Phone Number**: (____)** _____ Email: _____

Employment history (Past 3 years):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Has either parent served in the military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," state branch of service and rank:

_____

IV. ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Please rank each of the academies of your choice in order of preference for attendance, with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last. Rank only the academies to which you are applying. You may leave one or more of the academies blank.

USAFA _____ USMA _____ USNA _____ USMMA _____

Are you seeking a nomination from any other source: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Vice President ☐ Sen. Cruz ☐ Sen. Cornyn ☐ Other _____
(Please list the name of each nomination source)

MEDIA RELEASE

Does the Office of Congressman Joaquin Castro have your consent to use your name and image for media, such as a press release, social media, or public statement, regarding a potential nomination or appointment to a U.S. Service Academy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

The information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in addition to this application, I am also required to submit all the items on the application checklist. I further understand that representative Castro's district office must be in receipt of all application materials no later than **6:00 pm on November 13, 2026**.

I understand that providing false or misleading information, or intentionally omitting relevant information, may result in the disqualification of my application and forfeiture of my eligibility for a nomination.

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the accuracy of all information and documentation provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____